

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
and
DESIGNATION OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, sole and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention claimed in United States Patent Application Attorney Docket No. HRM-003, entitled "FIFTH WHEEL COUPLING FOR A TOWING VEHICLE", the specification of which is attached hereto. This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/702,715, filed on November 06, 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this document.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I further declare that all statements made above of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made above on information and belief are believed to be true, and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 United States Code, Section 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of our application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint Mark A. Navarre, Registration No. 29572, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Address all communications to: Mark A. Navarre
Navarre Law Office
P. O. Box 537
Urbana, OH 43078
Telephone: (937) 653-3501

Inventor Signature  Date 03-15-04

Full Name: Herman R. Mitchell

Residence: Dayton, Ohio

Address: 4930 Strathaven Drive, Dayton, OH 45424

Citizenship: United States of America